

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is submitted to address the Office Action mailed March 8, 2005. In this Office Action, claims 42-44 and 46 are amended. Claims 41-46 are pending. No new matter is added by these amendments.

In the Office Action the specification is objected to because of informalities in the first paragraph of the application describing the priority claim. Applicants have amended this section of the specification as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

Claims 42-44 and 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. Applicants have amended certain claim terms to clarify the meaning of the claims, as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.


Claims 41-46 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,155,839 and 5,690,497. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. However, Applicants have filed herewith a Terminal Disclaimer of the term of the present application that would extend beyond the term of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,155,839 and 5,690,497. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 41-46 based on double patenting be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance at an early date for the present application. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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